

MEMORANDUM

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 26 May 1945

To: Lt. Col. Edward Harding,
 Deputy Chief, X-2, China

From: Joseph P. McCarthy
 Deputy Chief, X-2, OJS, IBT

Registry No.
 MHG-457

Subject: Major I. B. Trevor

The following telegram from Captain Bailey at Chungking addressed to Harding, information White and McDonough, was received at this office on 26 April 1945:

"HIGH AUTHORITY USAF CHINA REQUESTS WE DISCREETLY SURVEIL MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF A MAJOR TREVOR, BRITISH OFFICER WHO IS ASSIGNED TO FORCE 136 SEAC AS ASSISTANT TO COLONEL GYE AND EXPECTED TO ENTER CHINA SHORTLY. IS ACQUAINTED WITH MARY DEIGMAN A CANADIAN WAC RECENTLY ARRIVED KUNMING FOR BMM AND WHO IS KNOWN TO OUR COL. DAVIS. MANNER OR DATE OF TRAVEL UNKNOWN. CIC IS REQUESTED TO AID US BY G 2 IF NECESSARY. TREVOR'S CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES PARTICULARLY DESIRED AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS HE TO BE MADE AWARE OF TAIL. SIGNAL TRAVEL AND DETAILS THIS OFFICE. DESCRIPTION: AGE 30, 5' 9" HEIGHT, SLIGHT BUILD APPROX 150-160, DARK WAVY HAIR, RIGHT LEG THIN. KANDY AND CALCUTTA BEING SENT INFO COPIES WITH REQUEST THAT ANY INFO THEY POSSESS ON TREVOR'S TRAVELS BE SENT CHUNGKING."

Upon receipt of this cable, inquiries were made for a Major Trevor connected with Force 136 and formerly assistant to Col. Guise, of the description quoted in this cable. Extensive inquiries resulted in the information that the only person who could possibly fit this description would not be a Major Trevor but Lt. Col. Trevor Jones, whose description is approximately thirty-five years of age, 5' 9", slight build, 150 pounds, dark wavy hair, and reported sometimes to carry a cane. Lt. Col. Trevor Jones at one time worked with Col. Guise. He is now G-1, Force 136, SOE, Headquarters Colombo.

Upon determining that there is no Major Trevor connected with Force 136, on April 30, 1945 we sent your office a telegram stating that it is our belief that Lt. Col. Trevor Jones, who it was expected was to depart for England soon is the person referred to in your telegram.

On May 2, 1945 at Colombo, Ceylon, Lt. Col. Trevor Jones, who is well known to the writer, was interviewed. During the course of this conversation, which was concerned with matters of mutual operational interest, Trevor Jones advised that he had been working on a transfer to England for some months and that he expected to have this transfer come through within the coming month. He expressed himself as being anxious to leave this Theater, return home for a short leave and for assignment in the European Theater or to remain on assignment in England. Trevor Jones' interest lies entirely in Malaya now. He has been extremely cooperative with X-2, IBT.

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A telegram relating this information was forwarded to Kunming for Harding and Bailey on May 3, 1945, with the suggestion that a close surveillance was inadvisable. In this telegram it was stated that we would maintain a spot surveillance of Lt. Col. Trevor Jones. This surveillance was continued with no success whatever for a period of several days and then abandoned. No reply was received to either of the telegrams referred to above, nor was any effort made by your office to correct the mistake made in our assumption that Lt. Col Trevor Jones was the person that you were interested in.

On May 18, 1945 you advised us by telegram that Major Trevor was then in Chungking, and had arrived without advance notice. This was an information copy of a telegram from Bailey. In this wire it was stated that Trevor was still in Kandy at the time of the original request for the surveillance. Another telegram was received from your office addressed to this office advising that Major Trevor was now in Chungking, that the situation had created embarrassment for X-2 and requested all available information concerning the subject and an explanation as to how he got through our net. Upon receipt of the information copy of your telegram received here on the 18th of May, an immediate inquiry was made as to the whereabouts of Lt. Col. Trevor Jones and it was learned that he was still at Colombo. An intensive search was then made through Force 136 for the purpose of identifying Major Trevor and we were again unsuccessful in obtaining information as to anyone of this name connected with that organization. Later we were successful in learning that (Major) I. B. Trevor, Deputy Assistant Director, Transportation Intelligence, (this organization having no connection whatsoever with Force 136) had departed for China on May 11, probably by CNAC.

This man is described as being forty-five years of age, 5' 6" tall, weight 160 pounds, build - heavy, dark hair, not reported to be wavy, does not walk with a limp indicating any leg deformity. Our information concerning I.B. Trevor is that he had gone to China primarily to familiarize himself with transportation facilities there, that during the course of this trip, estimated duration of six weeks, he is to contact former employment of the Canton Kowloon Railway at Chungking, Kunming and Kweiyang, and to assure these people of reemployment with the railroad. The letter asking permission for this trip written by Major Trevor's superior stated that this part of the trip would be considered as work for the colonial office. Our source of information also said that prior to the war, the subject was Traffic Manager of the Canton Kowloon Railway. He was captured at Hongkong and interned but escaped shortly after his internment and returned to India via Kunming and Chungking.

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At the time of the writing of the letter asking permission for Major Trevor's present trip, the letter being dated April 7th, General Bodemeyer was expected in Kandy and the letter suggested that Major Trevor's proposed trip be cleared with him at that time. It is not known whether this clearance was obtained.

The following are contacts that Trevor was to have made in China:

British Military Attache China

Aide de Camp to Gen. Bodemeyer

U. S. Military Attache

Chungking

Brig. Gen. Olmstead

Lt. Col. M. M. S. Cartwright

H.D.E. Embassy

The Minister of Communications

(H.E. Yue Fei Pan)

Mr. Kizer (US UNRRA Representative)

Kunming

Asst. Military Attache (British)

H.D.E. Consul General

14th USAAF

British Air Liaison Officer

B.A.A.G. Representative

Kweiyang

H.D.E. Consul General

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